(c) whether necessary amendments to this effect are being made in the Indian Post Office Act, 1898; and

(d) whether the Speed Post Services operated by the Department of Posts would also be covered under this regulation and whether a courier fee tariff structure is also being imposed on the trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRITAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) It is proposed to provide for registration of private couriers operating in the postal sector with the Department of Posts.

(c) and (d) The proposals which will be applicable to all the players in postal sector including Department of Posts, can be finalized only after obtaining the required approval of the Parliament, to the necessary amendments to the Indian Posts Office Act, 1898.

Implementation of agreement with extra departmental postal employees

†787. SHRI KRIPALPARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATIONTECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement entered into with the employees on the basie of recommendations of Talwar Committee has been implemented *in toto* which came into existence as a result of the strike of the extra-departmental postal employees;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(c) by when the same is going to be implemented in totality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The agreement entered with the employees on 1.5.2000, consequent to strike in matters relating to recommendations of the Talwar Committee envisaged consideration of the issues subject to clearance by the competent authority. The process has been completed and actions as agreed upon stand fully completed.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

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